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# NEGRO BOY KILLED BY TWO WHITE MEN

GAINESVILLE, Ala., Jan. 26.—(Special to the Reporter).—Charlie Grant, 17-year-old Negro boy is dead, having met his death, it is charged, from gunshot wound from Tom Atkins and his son, both white. Charlie, it is said, was playing in the road with some school girls while passing the Elbert Atkins home. Mrs. Atkins, the wife, called attention to the children that they were disturbing her with the noise. Charlie is reported as stating that he was in the public road, which remark was taken as an insult by Mrs. Atkins and she notified her father-in-law, Mr. Tom Atkins, stating that Charlie, the Negro boy, had insulted her. 3-11-28

Mr. Tom Atkins is reported as becoming very indignant and was soon in his car and en route for his son, Elbert, who was working in the field. Elbert was notified and the two men armed themselves with revolvers and goes to Charlie's grandfather's and makes inquiry for Charlie. They were informed that he was at a gasoline station nearby, and with haste they made their way to the station. As stated by the grandfather, these two men found the boy there and Elbert Atkins is reported as striking Charlie with a scantling. He dodged out of the way and began running. He was warned by Elbert Atkins, it is reported, to stop or he would kill him. The boy being frightened continued to run and Elbert Atkins emptied his revolver in Charlie's back. Of course he fell and while lying there, Elbert rushed up to him and at that time Charlie fired two shots, one glazing his forehead and the other striking him in the side. Elbert Atkins returned home and gets another supply of cartridges, returning to the boy while he was dying, it is said, sticks his gun to the back of Charlie's head and shoots his brains out.

The tragedy has caused great excitement throughout the county and notwithstanding the incident happened the latter part of January, there is still intense feeling here and the surrounding neighborhood.

# IRATE HUBBY KILLS NEGRO TAXI DRIVER

Tuscaloosian Fires Fatal Shots Into Black As Resentment Of Insults

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Feb. 5.—Special to The Advertiser.—Joe Miller, of Abernath, near here, shot and killed G. J. Montgomery, negro taxi driver, at that place Friday as the result of an insult to Miller's wife by Montgomery. Miller has been released on his own bond here and Coroner S. T. Hardin has returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

It is said that Montgomery was drunk Friday night, and seeing Miller's wife, invited her to go to Birmingham with him. A white man had left the negro's taxi to see Joe Miller about some business. Finding Miller gone, he said, he left the house.

Joe Miller later found the negro in the highway office at Abernath and emptied two barrels from a shot gun into him. Mr. Miller surrendered himself to Sheriff J. Foster King, and his case will be disposed of by the Grand Jury which meets here tomorrow.

# CONVICTED NEGRO WINS IN HIGH COURT

Appeals Tribunal Reverses Verdict In Case Growing Out Of Fight

The verdict of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County convicting A. D. Diamond, negro youth, of the murder of Herbert Wheeler, a white boy, after a free-for-all fight between boys of both races at a swimming hole, was reversed by the Alabama Court of Appeals in a decision yesterday and the case remanded for another trial. Diamond had been sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

According to the testimony practically all of which was a dispute as to details, a group of about ten white boys met a group of three negroes at a swimming hole. The fight first began with the throwing of rocks, after which various ones of the two parties mingled in fist fights. 4-4-28

Later in the day, while the white boys were on their way to their homes, a second meeting with the negroes precipitated another fight. It was this one that led to Wheeler's death. He and the defendant engaged in a struggle. Several blows were passed. Testimony by state's witnesses indicated that the defendant, after knocking Wheeler over, stomped

on him. Physicians testified that Wheeler's body was badly bruised and that death resulted from internal injuries, caused by whatever had inflicted the bruises.

One of the grounds of reversal by the Court of Appeals was action by the trial court in not permitting one of the witnesses to reply to a question whether he had ever heard of the defendant being in any other fights. It was also held that refusal of certain requested charges by the trial court constituted reversible error.

# Birmingham Cop Killed By Negro

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 3.—(P)—A police officer was shot to death, and another wounded late today in a running pistol battle between the officers and two negroes in an automobile.

Policeman E. T. Lewis was slain when he and A. J. Dunn, a companion officer, attempted to stop an automobile driven by Ravel Peoples and Madison Jenkins, negroes, who the officers were said to have pursued because the negroes were driving without a license. 3-4-28

Pulling alongside the automobile, Lewis ordered the negroes to halt. Peoples fired point blank at the officer, the bullet piercing Lewis's heart. The negroes drove on, with Dunn in pursuit. After a chase of more than a mile during which Dunn was wounded in the knee by pistol fire the negroes punctured a tire and careened to a stop. Peoples leaped from the automobile and attempted to wrest Dunn's pistol from his hand but the wounded officer beat the negro into submission.

A charge of murder was placed against both negroes. Lewis is survived by his widow and a three-year-old son.

# York Slain By Negro Tenant

Slayer Kills Self After Murder; Fires House

Angered at an attempt to collect rent on his house, James Salmon, negro, yesterday shot and killed George York, Bell Street money lender, fired his house and committed suicide.

A verdict of murder and suicide was returned by Coroner J. J. Duffly, who stated that it was the third negro suicide in Montgomery in the past 12 years.

The shooting occurred, it was said, when Mr. York went to the negro's home at Adeline and LaPine Streets and attempted to foreclose him. He was tackling a "For Rent" sign on the house. It was stated, when the negro opened fire. The shots took immediate effect, York falling dead in the yard.

The negro then went into the house, set fire to every room and going into the yard, shot himself twice, once through the chest and head.

The firemen, the coroner and officers arrived at the scene of the shooting practically simultaneously. The negro was placed in an ambulance, but died on the way to the hospital.

The flames were soon extinguished with but little financial damage to the property.

Five empty shells were found, three on the ground and two in the chambers of the pistol, indicating that the negro had fired three times at Mr. York. No one was on the premises except the two at the time, it was said.

York is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Maude York; his father, J. A. York, of Coffeeville; a brother, James York, of Birmingham two sisters, Miss Mamie York, of Birmingham and Mrs. R. A. Woodham, of Coffeeville. He was 44 years of age.

Funeral services for Mr. York will take place from the Leak Chapel Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Greenwood. Mr. York was 44 years of age and a member of the Clayton Street Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Miss Maude York; one brother, James York, of Birmingham, Ala., and two sisters, Miss Mamie York of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. R. A. Woodham, of Coffeeville, Ala.

# Negro Held For Death Of Woman

Dave Jackson, 29, negro, is being held by police in connection with an alleged assault upon Mrs. Henrietta Reynolds, 88, of 121 Central Railroad Street, about a month ago. Mrs. Reynolds died at a local hospital Monday and her body was sent to Tusculum for burial.

Police said that a month ago Albert Church, grandson of Mrs. Reynolds, returned to the home on Railroad Street after work. A negro was noticed walking down the street. Upon entering the house, Mr. Church is said to have found Mrs. Reynolds lying across her bed apparently for death, and told she had been choked by a negro man, Mr. Church and neighbors made a search of the premises. A man's hat was found in the room with Mrs. Reynolds.

Shortly before noon yesterday Jackson was arrested by Officer B. J. Hudson as a suspect in the case. The negro admitted being in the neighborhood the night of the occurrence, but denied choking Mrs. Reynolds, police said. The death of Mrs. Reynolds was attributed by physicians to a cerebral hemorrhage.

# C. M. Holland Shot By Negro Near Dothan

DOTHAN, ALA., June 6.—Special to The Advertiser.—C. M. Holland, of Campbellton, is in a serious condition at Dothan hospital.

shot wounds in his right arm, inflicted by Vann Myrst, a negro. It is said he mistook him for a Mr. Christmas with whom he had had a difficulty early on Tuesday morning. Hospital authorities state that the army may have to be amputated in order to save the wounded man's life.

The negro threw down his weapon and fled after the shooting. A search for the fugitive was made last night, by both Florida and Alabama forces, assisted by citizens.

# OFFICER SLAYS MAN WHO SLEEPS IN HIS OWN CAR

Undertaker, Father Of 10, Killed By Cop; Money Missing From Body

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 29.—Joseph L. Stone, prominent undertaker of Greensboro, Ala., was shot and instantly killed by a police officer Friday morning as he was sleeping in his own car parked in front of his brother's residence, where he was working.

Stone had arrived in Birmingham the day before with his wife and three sons of his family of Greensboro, intending to return to Greensboro Friday morning. Stone remained in the car Thursday to prevent it being stolen as he had lost the car key.

Shoots, Asks Questions

Stone's brother said he was awakened about two o'clock in the morning by loud knocking on the front door. Opening door, he was confronted with a police officer, who asked "Do you know anything about this d—nigger out here?" On his replying that he did not, he states that the officer said, "Well, you better come out here and see about calling an undertaker, I just killed him."

Stone was found slumped under the wheel with a bullet hole through his breast and it is said that his shirt and flesh were burned as if the weapon had been held against him when fired.

Stone's brother stated that the dead man's revolver was found in the pocket of the car. The killing occurred just two and one-half blocks from the scene of the killing of a Selma school teacher, a few months ago, by police officers.

Money Missing

A peculiar feature of the case is that Stone was known to have had a large amount of money in a leather pocket-book, on his person. He had been commissioned by friends and neigh-



bors in Greensboro, to purchase considerable merchandise for them while in Birmingham. Neither the pocket-book or the money were on the body, although the list of goods to be purchased was found in the pocket of his coat.

The colored citizens of Birmingham are greatly wrought up over the killing and the reign of terror inaugurated by the police in the colored section of the city a few months ago, which resulted in the killing of a prominent minister and educator who was attending a teacher's convention here, is being vividly recalled.

## Negro Held In Shooting Of Covington In Dothan

DOTHAN, ALA., Aug. 6.—(Special)—Harvey Covington was shot by Frank Taylor, negro, Sunday at noon with a .22 caliber pistol following an alleged misunderstanding over a \$1.50 given to the negro to purchase a pint of whisky, according to Sheriff C. J. Wollins. Covington's wound is probably fatal, the bullet having entered his abdomen and coursing down into his liver. The negro is held in jail on a blanket charge pending the outcome of Covington's condition.

Four shots were fired in rapid succession by the negro. One of the bullets grazed the shoulder of Harvey Covington's five-year-old son, one passed through the cap of the wounded man's brother while the fourth shot took effect in Covington's abdomen.

## OFFICER WOUNDED, TWO NEGROES HELD

Barbour Sheriff Uses Bloodhounds To Trail Assailants In Russell County

CLAYTON, ALA., Dec. 14.—(Special)—Sheriff O. H. Teal, of Barbour, was called at 1:30 Friday morning in the absence of Sheriff Burch, of Russell County, to bring the blood hounds to Hurtsboro to trail the persons who fired upon Night Watchman Jackson. Mr. Jackson was shot by two different persons near the railroad station at Hurtsboro about 4 a.m. Friday. Sheriff Teal left Clayton immediately, carrying two blood hounds with him. He was accompanied by a deputy.

The dogs were put on the trail about 100 yards from the railroad station and ran for two miles. Two negroes were apprehended at their homes after the blood hounds had trailed through the fields to their doors. The negroes were placed under arrest by Sheriff Teal about 4:30 a.m. Friday and lodged in the Russell County jail.

It is thought that the negroes discovered at the depot, were attempting to rob the railroad station. Mr. Jackson stated that when he commanded them to halt that they leaped from the station platform and escaped. Later while Mr.

Jackson was making his rounds still in the vicinity of the station he was fired upon simultaneously by two parties. Both shots took effect and his face and body were riddled with bird shot. Mr. Jackson's wounds though painful were not

## 'NEGRO ADMITS SLAYING.

Mob Threatens Chauffeur Who Killed Employer With Ax.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Lewis Smith, a negro, was in the Tuscaloosa County jail here charged with the murder of Ben S. Causey, Junction City, La., farmer, following his arrest last night at Akron, Ala., and subsequent admittance to officers that he attacked Causey with robbery as a motive.

Smith was brought here from Eutaw, Ala., last night when mob action was threatened. After Causey's death there from his injuries. The negro was taken from a train at Akron by Deputy Sheriff W. I. Huff of Greene County, who stated that Smith confessed the crime to him.

Causey regained consciousness after he was found in a wood-land a short distance from the Eutaw-Tuscaloosa Highway, early yesterday by a farmer who was attracted to the scene by the man's moaning. His limp form had been stuffed into a box which was a hatchet, covered with blood and Causey's automobile. His head and shoulders had been lacerated severely.

The negro had been enlisted as Causey's chauffeur at Jackson, Miss., and the two had departed early yesterday morning from Eutaw for Birmingham. Although Causey was reported to have had a large amount of money with him at Eutaw, only \$14 was taken from Smith when he was arrested. The negro's clothes were blood-stained, officers said, and gave the appearance that he had been in water a short time before boarding the train. He told officers that he recently had been released from jail at Meridian, Miss.

## Alleged Negro 'Voodoo' Doctor Confesses Crime

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Doss Wade, 37, alleged negro "voodoo" doctor, was held in jail tonight while detectives sought to learn the identity of a decapitated man they said Wade confessed slaying.

Detectives said they were satisfied Wade's confession was truthful but they could advance no motive other than some ghastly rite for the victim. They were unable to identify the victim. After giving them two false stories of who the dead man was, Wade refused further information.

The suspect has a bullet wound in each leg received when he tried to escape from detectives late yesterday. In the same house, they found the decapitated body of the negro in the basement and the head upstairs in a cupboard.

## 2 Negroes Held In Abbeville Jail For Killing Girl

Arrests Follow Finding Of Body Near Highway Tuesday Night

## Another Is Sought Feeling Runs High; Precautions Taken

ABBEVILLE, ALA., Dec. 12.—(Special)—Two negroes, Wes. Jordan and Joe Williams are held in the Henry County jail here while the sheriff and his deputies are searching for a third negro in connection with the murder of Miss Alice Mourring, 23, near Ft. Gaines, Ga., some time last night. Feeling is running high and precautions have been taken to protect the prisoners in case an attempt is made to take them from custody. While the sheriff does not anticipate any lawless act, he expects a desire to see his records.

Miss Mourring was attacked while driving home from the Georgia city and the body found by a searching party was formed when her horse and empty buggy arrived at the home of her father. Her head showed signs of a severe beating administered with a blunt instrument or heavy wooden stick. The body also showed evidences of other brutal treatment.

When the horse and driverless buggy arrived at the Mourring home no evidence of a runaway was visible as the reins were loosely dropped over the dashboard. This led to the belief that foul play was responsible for the absence of Miss Mourring from the buggy and neighbors at once started out toward Ft. Gaines in search of the missing girl. A few miles out of Ft. Gaines the trail was found which led to the discovery of the bruised body in an old gully about 20 feet from the highway.

In addition to the two negroes held at Abbeville, reports from Ft. Gaines are to the effect that a white man is held there in connection with the crime.

## Negro Man Held On Murder Count

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Lewis Smith, negro who is said by officers to have confessed the brutal slaying today of Ben S. Causey, Junction City, La., farmer, was transferred to the county jail here late tonight after threats of violence had been heard in Eutaw.

EUTAW, ALA., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Ben Causey, of Junction City, La., cruelly beaten with a hatchet when he was attacked and robbed on the Eutaw-Tuscaloosa highway, died here tonight.

A negro, who officers say has confessed to the killing, has been placed in the Eutaw jail.

Officers say that the negro when arrested had a large sum of money in his possession.

Two white men who had been reported as having accepted a "lift" from Causey were detained for questioning this afternoon but were released after officers said they had proven alibis.

The negro was tracked from the point where the attack occurred to a railroad station not far from Eutaw. Officers stopped the train as it neared Eutaw and took the negro prisoner.

The authorities assigned robbery as the motive for the attack on Causey after garage attendants revealed that Causey had displayed a large roll of bills while paying for repairs on his car.

Causey was brought here for medical attention after he had been found unconscious on the roadside by B. P. Patton a farmer.

The body probably will be sent to Junction City, La., tomorrow for burial.

## Two More Negroes Sought in Slaying Of Georgia Woman

Abbeville, Ala., December 13.—(AP)—Two unidentified negroes Thursday were the object of a search being conducted by officers of several counties and believed to be the slayers of a young woman.

Sheriff L. E. Gibbons is holding two negroes, Joe Williams and Wesley Jordan, in connection with the slaying of the young woman, although they both protest their innocence. The body of the young woman was found near the state line Thursday night after her horse, drawing an empty buggy, had returned home. She said she had been dragged from the vehicle, attacked and then beaten to death with the limb of a tree. Robbery apparently was not the motive, Sheriff Gibbons said, as her purse was found untouched in the buggy.

Officers indicated their belief that an as yet unidentified white man may have had a part in the slaying.

Funeral services were to be conducted at the residence of her father Thursday.

## 4 Negroes Held In Killing Case

Quartet Jailed For Death Of Dr. Paschal

HURTSBORO, ALA., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Four negroes have been arrested in connection with the killing Friday of Dr. John Paschal, whose body was found near the public road with the top of his head shot away. The negroes held are: John Banks, Tom Banks, Curly Banks and Elmore Randolph. Just what evidence has been accumulated against this quartet, has not been divulged by officers, neither have they announced the unearthing of any motive for the crime.

The prisoners were taken to Union Springs by Deputy Sheriff Horace Moody, of Bullock County and State Law Enforcement Officers H. B. Harrison and C. B. Morrison this afternoon. It is understood here that the four negroes will be carried to Montgomery jail pending further investigation. Further arrests are expected, according to J. L. Tew, deputy state law enforcement officer of this place.

The body of Dr. Paschal was found by a Mr. Oliver, who was out training some bird dogs Friday about noon. The charge was fired at such close range that the entire top of the head was blown away and the wadding from a 12-gauge shotgun, lodged in the physician's hat. Investigation of the grounds at the scene of the crime failed to reveal any evidence of robbery. Neither was there evidence that Dr. Paschal was armed except for a brickbat in his coat pocket.

Two negroes, Tom Banks and Elmore Randolph were brought here tonight from Bullock County and lodged in the Montgomery County jail pending further investigation into the killing of Dr. John Paschal near Hurtsboro Friday morning. Two other negroes held in connection with the same crime are behind bars at Union Springs.

State Law Enforcement Officers H. B. Harrison and C. B. Morrison were dispatched to Hurtsboro Friday night at the request of Bullock County officials and assisted in making the first arrests in the case about noon Saturday.



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Arkansas.

# NEGRO ADMITS PART OFFICER AND NEGRO VICTIM OF ASSAULT IN ARKANSAS MURDER DIE IN GUN BATTLE BY NEGROES MAY DIE

Second Confession Wrung in  
McCollum Case.

Deputy Sheriff T. H. Williford Slain Making Arrest.

Harry Kinney, 36, of Joiner,

Has Skull Fracture  
*Commercial Appeal*  
*April 13, 1928*

TWO SLAYERS ARE IN PEN

SLAYER IS SHOT FLEEING

Arkansas Youth Breaks Down  
When Grilled in Killing of  
White Boy and Negro for Loot  
Approximating \$20.

Crittenden County Officer Fatally  
Shot Serving Warrant on Black  
for Cotton Theft—Negro Found  
Dead in Cabin.

Five negroes attacked him when he asked them to fill his car from a ditch last Saturday. Harry Kinney, 36, of Joiner, Ark., told attaches at Baptist Hospital yesterday, when he was admitted to that institution for treatment.

Kinney is in a critical condition, suffering from a probable fractured skull. Last night he lapsed into unconsciousness.

The assault occurred near Stacy, Ark., Kinney told the attaches, and his assailants were drunk. Kinney operates a farm near Joiner.

FORREST CITY, Ark., Jan. 12. —Struggling under severe grilling and confronted by the father of the murdered Robert Bell, 19-year-old negro, today confessed his part in the slaying of Julius McCollum, 1-year-old son of of a Chaffield merchant, and Elbert Thomas, one-eyed negro, in the Fifteen Mile Bayou on Dec. 29. *Memphis*

The confession was made behind the walls of the penitentiary to Bunn McCollum, father of the slain youth; Warden Todd Hunter and Sheriff J. M. Campbell of St. Francis County, according to the sheriff tonight. *13-28*

Sheriff Campbell said the negro steadfastly held to his claim of "I am innocent" until late afternoon. He was arrested four days ago after Grady Swain, 15-year-old negro, admitted the crime and implicated Bell.

The negro confessed in part, according to the sheriff, that he had led the little procession down to the Bayou from McCollum's store, after learning Julius had been given the daily receipts to take home to his mother. Swain and Thomas followed with the boy, he said.

As they came to the Bayou something was said of taking a boat ride. They all entered the boat and according to Bell, he asked Thomas for his pocketbook. He took Thomas' pocketbook, from which he took \$5 and upon handing it back to the one-eyed negro, he pushed him overboard into the stream.

He said that he did not have anything to do with the murder of Julius McCollum, that Swain strangled the youth and after taking \$15.05 from him, pushed him overboard to let him drown. He admitted that he and Swain had plotted the crime.

By the Associated Press.

MARION, Ark., Feb. 23.—A gun fight in a negro cabin four miles south of Crawfordsville today resulted in the death of a deputy sheriff and a negro, whom the officer and another deputy were seeking to arrest on a grand larceny charge for a cotton theft.

Deputy T. H. Williford went to the front of the cabin and knocked and Deputy C. L. Goad went to the rear. Dave Jackson, the negro named in the warrant, ran to the rear door, pistol in hand. Sheriff Claude Cooper was informed, and exchanged shots with Goad.

Apparently wounded, he began firing in both directions and finally made a dash for the front door, where Williford was shooting at him. Indications were, the sheriff said, that he leaped out the front door, placed his pistol against Williford's breast and fired.

Shot By Assistant.

Running to his companion's assistance, Goad found Williford on the ground and as he assisted him to an automobile the wounded officer said, "This negro has shot me—get him if you can." Goad placed Williford in the car and started for a doctor, but the deputy died a few minutes later.

When other officers arrived at the scene of the shooting they found Jackson dead about 200 feet from his cabin. He had started for a nearby cabin when he expired. Jackson, who was about 30 years old, was described by Sheriff Cooper as a "stray" negro, who boarded at the cabin. He had not been in the Crawfordsville section long and little was known about him. His pistol had been emptied, and on the barrel was a notch.

Williford, 43 years old and married, was born and reared in Crittenden County and had been a deputy sheriff for a number of years.



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Florida

## MIAMI OFFICERS WILL GO TO TRIAL IN MURDER CASE

Miami, Fla., May 14.—(AP)—Trial of Patrolman Nelson E. Ward and R. L. Glisson for the murder of John Mabry, negro prisoner killed after his arrest on a petty theft charge, probably will proceed tomorrow. State Attorney N. Vernon Hawthorne announced today after learning that important witnesses, missing earlier in the day will be available.

The same situation obtains in the trial of Chief H. Leslie Quigg and Detective John Cudell in the court of crime for assault and battery in the alleged beating of Charles James, said to be operator of a gambling house.

The cases were to have gone to trial today. Hawthorne in the killing case announced to the court he had been unable, even with the help of sheriff's deputies, to locate N. Solomon, negro undertaker who prepared Mabry's body, and Lucinda Baker, negro who testified in a habeas corpus hearing that Mabry's body was dragged behind the police automobile after the shooting. The court allowed continuance to tomorrow afternoon. The woman had not been located late today, but Solomon "found" himself, saying he had been here attending to his business all the time he was "lost."

## MAN WHO KILLED FLORIDA COP IS SLAIN BY POSSE

Miami, Fla., May 4.—An unidentified Race man was killed with a machine gun Sunday, April 29, shortly after Phil S. Lee, chief of police at Hollandale, near here, was found shot to death in the Hollandale section of town occupied by our group.

The man fled from the house and a posse trailed him to a place to thicket from the thick he ran on the posse. One of the posse members struck Clyde Dixon, 21, member of the posse of 30. The posse set fire to the thickets and as the man ran to escape the smoke one of the posse members opened fire with a machine gun from nearby. The body was found riddled. Another man who fled from the house has not been found.

Lee entered the house and left C. M. Ingalls, a deputy sheriff, in his automobile outside. Soon one man fled from the house. Ingalls said he heard shots fired and saw another man flee. He entered and found Lee's body. Ingalls said Lee did not tell him the purpose of his call to the house.



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Georgia.

## BROTHERS ARE HELD FOR NEGRO'S DEATH

Statesboro, Ga., May 11.—Charlie and Erastus Mixon, of the upper part of this county, were arrested here late Thursday afternoon and lodged in the Bullock county jail, in connection with the murder of Lewis Gartin, negro.

It is alleged that the Mixon boys had been on a rampage all day and had visited the negro's house. The negro was found dead Tuesday morning and a coroner's jury found that he came to his death at the hands of an unknown party. Both boys deny the murder. Deputy Sheriff Joe Hillman, after an afternoon of investigation had rounded up considerable evidence concerning the case.

## WHITE MAN CHARGED WITH NEGRO'S DEATH

Carnesville, Ga., June 18.—Lee Fowler, a white man living in the Red Hill community of Franklin county, is held in jail here under a coroner's warrant charging him with the murder of Bob Ayers, a negro. It is charged that Ayers was at Fowler's

home, where both were drinking and Fowler knocked Ayers unconscious and then locked the house and set fire to it.

Sheriff Moss arrested Fowler before the embers had cooled sufficiently to search the ruins of the house, but after cooling and searched he found the torso and head of a human body which was identified as that of Bob Ayers.



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# Family Of Five Slain By Negro

## Insult To Young White Girl Starts Tragedy

Both Coleman and Mallette were employed on the farm of Joe Sturdivant. The killings followed a quarrel.

# NEGRO SLAYS FIVE; IS KILLED BY TRAIN

LAKE CHARLES, LA., Nov. 10.—(AP)—Fear of the consequences of his alleged insult to a daughter of Dupre Mallette, tenant farmer living in this vicinity, caused George Coleman, negro, to kill Mr. and Mrs. Mallette, three of their children and injure the two other children in the family this afternoon. This was the version of the tragedy given by officers tonight after an investigation. The three children killed are: William, 11; Laura, 8 and Ada, 3.

After shooting the Mallettes to death with a pistol, Coleman lost his own life when he fell beneath the wheels of a train he sought to board at Jennings, La., in an effort to escape vengeance. He was 40 years old.

Details of the carnage at the poor rice grower's home were told incoherently to Sheriff Isaac Fontenot, Jefferson Davis Parish, by a 13-year-old daughter of the Mallettes who escaped during the shooting and hid in a haystack.

She said the negro came to the home and asked for a shotgun and some shells. Told that Mallette had none Coleman shot the farmer who crumpled but revived and ran into the house, the negro at his heels. Here Coleman beat Mallette to death with the butt of his gun.

Mrs. Mallette grabbed a pistol but was killed before she could use it. Coleman then felled five of the children, three of them dying almost instantly. The two others are believed to have been fatally injured.

The girl who fled the house, dazed and hysterical, was unable to give a connected account of the killings.

On the dead slayer's body when it was taken from the railroad track was the pistol used in the slayings.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Dupre Mallette, white farm tenant near Lake Arthur, La., his wife and three of their children were slain in their home today by George Coleman, negro. The negro fled in his automobile to Jennings, La., where he attempted to board a Southern Pacific passenger train and was instantly killed when he fell under the wheels.

Advices to The Beaumont Enterprise said the negro killed his victims with a pistol after he had disarmed Mrs. Mallette who had a pistol of her own. The negro's gun was found in his pocket when he was pulled from beneath the train.

There was only one other child in the Mallette family, a little girl who escaped death by hiding in a haystack.

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She said the negro came to the home and asked for a shotgun and some shells. Told that Mallette had none, Coleman shot the farmer who crumpled, but revived and ran into the house, the negro at his heels. Here Coleman beat Mallette to death with the butt of his gun.

Mrs. Mallette grabbed a pistol, but was killed before she could use it. Coleman then felled five of the children, three of them dying almost instantly. The two others are believed to have been fatally injured.

The girl who fled the house, dazed and hysterical, was unable to give a connected account of the killings.

On the dead slayer's body when it was taken from the railroad track was the pistol used in the slayings.

Louisiana.



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Maryland.

## CITIZENS SEEK AID TO PRESS FIGHT

Churchton Residents Ask Local Leaders To Assist In Obtaining Justice

### MAN SHOT BY MOB

Officer Slew Innocent Man In Cold Blood, Goes Free

*7-28-28*  
CHURCHTON, Md.—The drive to collect funds for the prosecution of John Sigma, white former state policeman, who is said to have shot and killed Titus Blunt in cold blood, after assembling a mob of 30 white men, is being pressed by the colored residents of this community.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Jones, efforts are being made to interest the N. A. A. C. P. in the case which is one of the most revolting heard of in this section for some time.

#### Mob Violence

According to the Rev. Mr. Jones, Blunt prevented Sigma from taking his brother, Archie Blunt, after a disturbance, until he produced a warrant for the latter's arrest.

Sigma went to a white community a short distance away and returned with a truck loaded with 30 white men and demanded to know where Archie Blunt was. When he admitted that he still had no warrant, the brother refused to tell where his younger brother was. Sigma is then said to have pulled his revolver and shot the man five times in cold blood. Blunt was rushed to the Annapolis hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Sigma was placed under arrest, but the following day was released on light bail. So diligent were state authorities in prosecuting Sigma that residents are of the opinion that an effort is being made by Annapolis courts to squash the case.

#### Seek Aid Here

Dr. Howard Young, Baltimore druggist, and A. B. Koger, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., have been interested and have pledged their aid in forcing prosecution of Sigma.



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# WHITES ATTEMPT TO FIX BRUTAL CRIME ON NEGRO

Hattiesburg, Miss.—(ANP)—Luther A. Myers, a white man, has been indicted for perjury, growing out of the testimony intended to convict Jack Magee for the murder of Mrs. Noverta Clayton March 3, 1927.

N. R. Clayton, husband of the slain woman, and a white man, is charged with the murder and the case will come up for trial at the next term of circuit court. He alleged that an unidentified negro entered his wife's bedroom and shot her with his (Clayton's) pistol, and disappeared into the night. Myers corroborated him and named Magee as the suspected man.

It later turned out when Clarence Burge, who is also indicted for perjury, swore that the whole affair was a frame-up and that there was no basis for their statements. Clayton held a life insurance policy on his wife dated February 3, a month prior to the killing. Mrs. Clayton was formerly assistant secretary of the state teachers college at Hattiesburg, and N. R. Clayton was a student at the college prior to their marriage.

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## NEGROES MURDER WHITE

When Judge Johnston concluded his address and after Fisher had spoken some 30 minutes a disturbance arose on the outskirts of the crowd. Immediately orders were given for the negroes to "rally." Snare drums began to beat a rapid and continual roll; the cry of "Kill the white men" was raised, and the woods fairly swarmed with negroes, armed with pistols and knives and brandishing clubs. The little band of white men, 11 in number, retreated about 40 yards along a branch, asking the negroes to stand back and keep the peace, and saying they desired no difficulty. The negroes pressed forward in large numbers crying "Run over the whites; kill the damned whites; run over them; God damn them; run over them." The negroes in large numbers came down upon the whites from an opposite direction shouting, "We did not come here to let no God damned white trash run over us; this is our day," and "the ravens will not fly far today; we will clip their wings when they rise."

## ARREST NEGROES AS A RESULT OF AFFRAY

Filling Station Operator  
Wounded at Brookhaven.

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., June 29.—Claude Byrne sustained a broken right thigh and wound in a shoulder from a revolver and his brother, Coby Byrne, a blow on the head from a piece of iron in an attack today from one or more negroes on Jackson Street in front of the building in which the Byrne brothers operate an automobile battery business and a service station, and one of the negroes sustained three revolver wounds from officers before being captured.

A second negro whose part in the affair is not definitely known, was captured without resistance by Deputy Charles Brister, near the scene of the affray, and later in the day a third understood to have been on the scene was taken into custody.

The difficulty is understood to have grown out of the alleged fact that one or more of the negroes was in debt to Claude Byrne.

In an exciting chase by Chief of Police Walter Smith, Sheriff Martin Brister, former Police Chief J. H. Case and others, the negro who shot Byrne is said to have fired upon the pursuers and grazed Smith's finger. This negro was captured at his home in the north of town, Young Cecil Matthews aiding in taking him from a closet.

A bullet fired when Claude Byrne was wounded, narrowly missed Harry Mills, real estate man, seated in his office nearby.

The Byrnes were hurried to the King's Daughters Hospital. The injury to Claude Byrne's leg was pronounced serious, part of the thigh bone having been crushed by the shot, and a long stay in the hospital is predicted for him. Coby Byrne is expected to leave the hospital soon, perhaps tonight or tomorrow. The Byrnes are respected citizens in their early thirties. The negroes were placed in jail here.

Mississippi.

## NEGRO IS SOUGHT IN NATCHEZ MURDER

Wanted for Shooting of  
Robert Fells.

NATCHEZ, Miss., July 16.—Sheriff W. P. Abbott and deputies are searching for Duncun Morris, negro, wanted for the shooting of Robert Fells, 26, who died in a hospital here Sunday.

The shooting took place Saturday night at a store on the Warsaw plantation at the mouth of the Homochitto River and is said to have been the culmination of a quarrel over a dice game.

According to statements given officers, Fells and four other white men engaged in the game and when Fells and one of the party started an argument over a bet, Morris took the part of the latter and drawing a gun ordered Fells to go home. Shortly after Fells secured a gun and as he was approaching the store Morris fired on him with a shot gun loaded with buckshot.

Four of the buckshot took effect. Officers of adjoining counties have been notified and the arrest of the fugitive is expected soon.

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## BRUTAL MUTILIZATION OF WHITES

"After the shooting the whites," says Dr. Brough, "left the grounds in small parties, separate crowds of negroes pursuing in different directions. At the A. & V. railroad crossing one of these parties of whites, without a load left in their pistols, was met by a line of armed negroes, headed by Charles Caldwell, Jr., and Walter Welbourne, brother of Eugene Welbourne. They demanded the surrender of Martin Sively of Raymond. With their pistols in the faces of the whites who were unarmed, they told Sively if he would give up his pistol they would not hurt him. Believing there was no alternative Sively handed his pistol to a negro, holding it by the barrel, and presented the handle. As Charles Caldwell, Jr., took the pistol Walter Welbourn knocked Sively

down with his pistol as related by Captain White, an eye witness, who says he broke the pistol by the blow. Staggering to his feet the blood streaming down his face, and suffering from three wounds Sively ran across a road to a cotton field, the negroes pursuing and shooting him as he went. Reaching a rail fence Sively attempted to climb it but was beaten back. At last he managed to get over, being followed by Charles Caldwell, Jr., Sam Caldwell and Walter Welbourne, when he was struck by a negro from behind, his head being beaten into a jelly with fence rails by the cowardly brutes.



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South Carolina

# SOUTHERN WHITE NEGRO IS SLAIN; MURDERS NEGRO SOUTH CAROLINA WHITE MAN HELD

"Self Defense" Theory  
Ruined by Witness

COLUMBUS, S. C. (By Mail).

E. H. Addick, who murdered Paul Harmon, a young Negro here, in a white cafe on Thursday night, is being held by a coroner's jury, because of contradictory testimony of the white witnesses.

The murder occurred at about eleven o'clock, when, according to some of the white witnesses, Harmon entered the cafe in an intoxicated condition and threatened to kill all the white people. They further testified that he attempted to purchase a package of cigarettes on credit and when he was refused he cursed the entire group. This was proven false by the testimony of other witnesses.

J. M. Parker, a clerk in the cafe testified that Addick, the murderer, left the cafe a few minutes later and was accosted by Harmon, who struck him (Addick) in the face. Addick then pulled out a revolver and shot him three times, killing him almost instantly.

Addick's defense testimony tallied exactly with that of Parker, but Dave Vanderhost, another white man, declared that he was taking Harmon home, when Harmon decided that he "wanted to go the other way." Vanderhost agreed with the testimony that Harmon met Addick face to face, but emphatically denied that Harmon was intoxicated.

A search of Harmon's body revealed the fact that he was unarmed, that he was not intoxicated and that he was killed as the result of three bullets in his chest, which were fired at close range. Other white witnesses agreed with the testimony of Vanderhost, stated that Harmon did nothing to start the shooting and declared that the shooting was uncalled for.

Harmon was employed as a fireman on the Southern Railroad and Addick is an engineer on the same road.

Columbus, S. C.—(ANP)—Contradictory testimony by a group of white witnesses caused the coroner's jury to hold E. H. Addick, a white man, for the killing of Paul Harmon here Thursday night.

The shooting occurred about eleven o'clock when, according to some of the witnesses, all of whom were white, Harmon entered a white cafe in an intoxicated condition and threatened to kill all of the white folks in there. He attempted to purchase a package of cigarettes on credit and when he was refused he cursed the whole group. Most of the white men testified.

J. M. Parker, clerk in the cafe, testified that Addick left the cafe a few minutes later and was accosted by Harmon, who struck the white man in the face. Addick then pulled a revolver and shot him, killing him almost instantly.

Addick's story of the affair tallied with that of Parker, but Dave Vanderhost declared that he was taking Harmon home, when he decided he wanted to "go the other way." He agreed with the testimony that Harmon met the white man face to face, but said that he did not see Harmon strike the man or reach for a gun. He also denied that Harmon was intoxicated.

A search of the body revealed that Harmon was unarmed and that he was killed as the result of three bullet wounds in the chest. Addicks was an engineer on the Southern Railroad and Harmon was a fireman on the same road.



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## BULLY FOR KANSAS

Oil in Southern Kansas brought into El-dorado, one of the older communities there, the usual riff raff with the inevitable accompaniment of race hatred. But Kansas is a state with traditions which men live as well as profess. A Negro there, chosen for attack by these bad actors, charged with the sufficient offense of being a Negro, proved his Kansas birthright by defending his home. His trusty shotgun and his stout heart won the victory. Then the community showed its colors—it said he shot in self-defense. The whole incident is a victory for good citizenship with credit for black and white Kansas people.

## TWO KILLINGS MAKE TOTAL 9 IN 57 DAYS

“Murder a Week” Average Is  
Maintained; No Con-  
victions This Year

The eighth and ninth murders of Negroes by Negroes this year occurred last Sunday when a husband was slain by his wife and a man was slain by another after an argument.

Mr. Myrtle James, 1401 East Tenth street was shot to death by his wife Sunday morning, February 26. The shooting followed an argument over some domestic trouble. Mrs. James has been released on a coroner's bond. She claims self defense.

George Watson, Third and Lydia, was shot and killed Sunday afternoon by Ross Mitchell, 573 Harrison street. The pistol used was a .25 caliber automatic. Watson died at Old City hospital.

There have been no convictions of Negroes for murdering Negroes since January 1.

Enforcement League to  
Investigate Prosecutions.

The Law and Order Enforcement  
League executive committee met Mon-

day to plan ways of lessening the crime of murder committed by Negroes in Kansas City, with Negroes the victims. President T. B. Watkins presided. They decided to find out how diligently alleged murderers were being prosecuted, and what percentage of arrests the police make of the total murders committed. The committee deemed it important to make known the desire of the Negro group for law enforcement, so that white opinion and the white public might know it. The committee discussed the charge made against Negroes, made by the law's agents, that it is difficult to get Negroes to testify in criminal cases and that prosecution fails because these witnesses prefer that the accused go free to telling what they know.

Stories, which almost surpass belief, were related of unseemly conditions which now obtain. In a recent civil suit, over insurance, the contesting parties were the wife and the woman who killed her husband, after having stolen away his affections. The judge in making his decision mentioned the failure of the criminal court to have acted. In another case, the killer actually divided the money the victim left, half going to a lawyer on condition he secured an acquittal. Blood money it was in real life.

## A LIFE FOR A LIFE

Two especially atrocious murders this week lift the 1928 total to eighteen. This condition will continue until prosecutor, judge and jury award the supreme penalty. There ought to be exact justice, a life for a life, in some of these killings of Negroes by Negroes. Leniency becomes the law—after justice has had its day. The habit in Jackson county is for leniency to slop over into downright negligence. Until murderers pay with their lives for their evil temper, or their bad liquor, or their criminal cupidity, killings will continue.

## BRUTAL FAMILY KILLINGS MARK THE WEEK END

Negroes Have Committed 18  
of the 35 Murders in County

Missouri.

## Since January 1

Two especially brutal family murders over the week end have run up the total number of murders of Negroes by Negroes to 18 since January 1.

There have been eighteen murders in the nineteen weeks of this year. According to statistics gathered by Dr. L. W. Turner, deputy coroner, Negroes have committed 18 of the total of 35 murders which have been committed in Jackson county since January 1.

### Son Slays Father

Pose Hoffman, 50, 1608 Garfield avenue, was stabbed to death Sunday night, May 13, by his son, Harry, 21.

According to the story told police by relatives, Harry came home early in the night intoxicated and lay down on the duo-fold to sleep. About 11 o'clock, his sister, Anna, who sleeps on the duo-fold, tried to get him up so she could go to sleep. He refused, whereupon she got her father to help her.

Harry is said to have refused to move for his father also, so he was pulled from the bed to the floor. Harry arose, cursing and pulled his knife. His father told him to put the knife up, but instead he began to fight. In the scuffle, Mr. Hoffman was stabbed in the left chest, had half his nose cut off and finally was stabbed in the abdomen by a blow which severed a main artery. He bled to death in a few minutes. Harry threatened the rest of the family, preventing an outcry, packed his clothes and left. He had not been caught yesterday.

### Kills Wife With Axe

Climaxing a quarrel which neighbors say had lasted all night, Mrs. Minnie Norman, 53, of 5903 E. 35th street terrace, was beaten about the head with an axe by her husband, William Norman, between 5 and 6 Saturday morning May 12. From the time of her admission to General hospital Uo. 2 Saturday morning until she died Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 the injured woman did not recover consciousness. A charge of first degree murder was placed against her husband immediately after Mrs. Norman's death.

G. W. McGriff who operates a grocery store next door to the Normans, states that the couple have lived in the neighborhood for seven years, and that on numerous occasions he has intervened when Norman tried to beat his wife.

About eight months ago it is said, Norman was forced to flee in order to escape arrest for selling liquor. Up until a week before her death his wife had taken in washing to get enough money to “square” things so he could

return.

### Began New Abuse

A week ago Saturday the man did return, and according to witnesses, began almost immediately abusing his wife. The past Saturday morning McGriff stated, he was awakened around 6:30 by screams coming from the Norman house. Hurriedly dressing himself, he seized a revolver and went around to the rear of the Norman house, hoping to gain entrance, but found both back gates locked, and so ran around to the front. All during this time from inside the house came cries for help and loud screams.

Gun in hand McGriff battered the door down only to find the woman he had come to help lying unconscious in a pool of blood. Her husband then attempted to escape but McGriff covered him with his gun while another neighbor called the police.

Norman says he thought all along his wife was trying to poison him.

After the injured woman had been taken to the hospital, and her assailant lodged in jail, the police came back to the house to search for the weapon used in the attack, finally finding a bloody axe hidden in the attic.

So far none of Mrs. Norman's relatives have been found, and funeral arrangements as yet have not been made. The body is at Adkins Bros.

## WHITES KILL NEGRO FOR PROTECTING HIS WIFE

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., (Special)—Elisha Barlow, age 25, was killed in his home by three unknown men, who after being admitted to the house by pleas of the assailants that they wanted to see him on business, a hammerless shot gun was used and the charge which was at close range, hit one side of the victim's face, killing him instantly.

It is said that they thought the husband was out at home and had gone there to see the wife. Suspicion rests upon three white men, brothers, in the community, but the coroner failed to hold them despite the strong evidence against them.

The place of the killing was on “Shute” Sixteen about six miles from Caruthersville.



## HATCHET SLAYER

## BELIEVED CAUGHT

Hatchet Slayer  
Baffles PoliceOne Victim of Omaha  
Terror Said To Have  
Identified Negro as At-  
tacker of Husband.

Omaha, Neb., November 23.—(P)—

Citizens of Omaha who have been ter-  
ror-stricken since Sunday because of  
the attacks of a "hatchet man" who  
killed three and wounded two, breath-  
ed easily tonight to learn that a negro  
suspect arrested today is the killer.

Police said that Mrs. Harold Strib-  
ling, who was attacked by a negro in  
her home early Tuesday morning, posi-  
tively identified Jake Bird, 24, as the

man who crushed her husband's skull  
in a hatchet attack and kidnapped her.

Mrs. E. C. Henry, who was in the  
room when the suspect was shown  
Mrs. Stribling, insisted, however, that  
Mrs. Stribling did not identify him.

"Mrs. Stribling has been nervous  
and excited from viewing suspects yes-  
terday," said Mrs. Henry. "When this  
man was brought in she was excited  
and said she could not see very well.  
She looked a bit and said she didn't  
know. Don't bother me. Take him  
away and let me look at him some other  
time."

Mrs. Henry also denied that Mrs.  
Stribling had become hysterical.

**Taken To State Prison.**  
Commissioner of Police Dunn said,  
however, that Mrs. Stribling looked  
at the man and said, "That's the man.  
Take him away." Then she became  
hysterical, Dunn said.

Bird was immediately rushed from  
the hospital to the state prison at Lin-  
coln to avoid possible violence such  
as took place in September, 1919, when  
a mob burned the county courthouse  
and killed a negro accused of attack-  
ing a white girl.

Bird was arrested at a rooming  
house here about noon by three depu-  
ty sheriffs and was taken before Mrs.  
Stribling immediately. Reports from  
the penitentiary said Bird refused to  
talk and asked for an attorney. He  
is a former convict who served terms  
in the Utah penitentiary, police said.

Bird came into prominence a few  
months ago when he was the witness  
in the death of Gordon Grigor, Cleve-  
land, Ohio, youth who was killed under  
a train at Ashland, Neb. At the time  
he claimed that a Burlington railroad  
agent had pushed the youth beneath  
the wheels. Finger prints and photo-  
graphs of Bird were taken at the peni-  
tentiary. Police will attempt to iden-  
tify him as the slayer of J. C. Black-  
man early Sunday morning, first of

he victims. Besides Blackman, police  
attributed the killing of Mrs. Waldo  
Resso and her sister, Creto Brown,  
and the serious wounding of Harold  
Stribling to the same man.

OMAHA, NEB., Nov. 22.—(P)—The  
search for Omaha's negro "hatchet man"  
who has killed three and wounded two  
others here since Sunday was continued  
with methodical thoroughness tonight but  
police admitted they were baffled at  
every turn.

Four times police took suspects be-  
fore Mrs. Harold Stribling, in a hospital  
recovering from wounds received at the  
hands of the negro who attempted to kill  
her husband and herself in their home  
Tuesday morning. Four times she said  
"No, he is not the man."

She was shown a picture of a negro  
arrested in Chicago yesterday; after he  
had wielded an axe in a robbery. "He is  
not the one," she said. The picture and  
finger prints had been rushed to Omaha  
by air mail.

Detective Inspector Ben Danbaum took  
her some clothing, picked up by police  
in their search of the city. She shook  
her head saying it was not the clothing  
worn by the "hacker."

Meanwhile her husband, following an  
operation yesterday to relieve the pres-  
sure on his brain, resulting from skull  
fractures in the hatchet attack, was def-  
initely reported better.

Police believe the "hacker" a maniac  
but one of sufficient cunning to have  
made a getaway immediately after the  
Stribling attack.

HATCHET SUSPECT'  
STICKS TO STORYHours Of Grilling Fails To Break  
Down Alibi Of Negro  
Prisoner

OMAHA, NEB., Nov. 24.—(P)—Cross-  
examination lasting more than an hour  
at the Nebraska penitentiary in Lincoln  
today failed to break down the story  
of Jake Bird, negro, who was rushed  
to the prison yesterday as a suspect in  
the hatchet slaying of three Omaha per-  
sons and the brutal attack on two oth-  
ers.

Henry Beal, Douglas County attorney,  
announced after a lengthy statement had  
been taken from Bird, that Mrs. Harold  
Stribling had recognized two pictures  
of Bird today. Yesterday she screamed:  
"That's the man," when the suspect was  
taken before her in a hospital. Mrs.  
Stribling and her husband were the  
fiend's last victims.

"Mrs. Stribling said today Bird did  
not exactly fit the description of the  
man and wants to see him again," the

county attorney declared. "When he  
showed her the pictures she said: 'That's  
the same man you had here yesterday.'"

Beal said Bird had stuck to the same  
story in his statement and that no new  
clues were uncovered as a result of the  
questioning.

Bird will be taken before Mrs. Strib-  
ling again next week, the county attor-  
ney added. In the meantime statements  
of where he was at the time of the at-  
tacks will be checked and finger and  
palm prints of his compared with those  
found at the Stribling home.

Bird has expressed a desire to ap-  
pear before the woman "to prove she's  
wrong," Beal said. When told that foot-  
prints of a man wearing rubbers were  
found under the Stribling bedroom win-  
dow sill, he stated he did not have a  
pair of rubbers. He also stated he was not  
a drug addict.

Asked if he had been implicated in a  
crime at Chickasha, Okla., a year ago,  
Bird stated he had been in that state,  
but never in Chickasha.



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# SLAYER OF OFFICER TAKEN IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey

## Giant Negro Confesses Murder of State Trooper After Capture.

Trenton, N. J., December 30. — (AP) David Ware, giant negro, was arrested tonight for the slaying of State Trooper Peter Gladys, while a man hunt in which almost blood-hounds and troopers participated, was in progress.

Nearly 48 hours after Gladys' body, slumped in an automobile on a lonely road near Hightstown, was found by a Trenton minister, Ware was arrested on suspicion, while he was walking leisurely along a street in Carteret.

Major Marko Kimberling, assistant superintendent of the state police, announced he had been informed by Chief of Police H. J. Herington, of Carteret, that Ware had confessed to the slaying and that the service revolver of the slain trooper was found in the prisoner's possession.

### Woman Also Jailed.

Immediately after word of the arrest reached headquarters here, Prosecutor Charles H. English, of Mercer county, and Captain William Nicol, troop C, state police, left for Carteret by automobile. It was stated they would bring the prisoner back to Trenton and place him in the county jail.

The killer of the 22-year-old trooper had evaded for nearly two days one of the largest searching parties ever assembled in the state. The negro was being taken in an automobile for an arraignment on a minor charge when he struck and then slashed the policeman. Since the killing state troopers and many volunteers armed with rifles, shotguns, clubs and pitchforks, had beat miles of woodland and swamp for the West Indian negro, who fled under the cover of darkness from the scene of the crime.

Pansy Keaton, with whom Ware lived, and who was in the automobile when the killing occurred, was taken into custody as a material witness.



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NEW YORK TIMES

MAY 30 1928

## ADMITS LURING MAN IN SHOOTING AMBUSH

Dancer Says Conscience Smote  
Her After Attack on Harlem  
Club Proprietor.

### SURRENDERS TO THE POLICE

Wounded Victim Is Prisoner in  
Hospital, Accused of Beating  
the Woman.

An auburn-haired, attractive young woman walked into the West Forty-seventh Street Police Station early yesterday morning and told the desk Lieutenant that she had been the decoy who lured Jesse Blunt, negro cabaret owner, into ambush Sunday morning. She wept as she told her story. Blunt was shot four times and is in a serious condition in Columbus Hospital.

Describing herself as Mrs. Gladys McCarver, 20 years old, until recently of Vine Street, Lowell, Mass., the girl said that she had separated from her husband and come to New York, where she became a dancer in Blunt's cabaret, The Lenox Avenue Club, at 652 Lenox Avenue.

She and Blunt were good friends, she said, until last Friday, when he became enraged and beat her. She went to the apartment at 134 Haven Avenue which she shared with a girl and a man and told them of the beating. The man told her to lure Blunt to Haven Avenue and 171st Street early Sunday.

Supposing that Blunt was to be beaten up, but not seriously injured, she told the police, she assented to the scheme. When Blunt was shot down as he left a taxicab with her at the place agreed upon she became panic stricken and fled, she said.

With another girl she went to Atlantic City, intending to get work in a cabaret there, but her conscience kept troubling her and eventually forced her to return and give herself up. She was taken to the Wadsworth Avenue Police Station, where she was booked on a charge of felonious assault, and then to Police Headquarters for the line-up.

She was arraigned in the Washington Heights Court and held without bail for examination Thursday by Magistrate Albert H. Vitale.

Blunt was placed under arrest last night in the hospital and a policeman was stationed beside his bed.

He was charged with felonious assault on the complaint of Mrs. McCarver that he had beaten her with a belt last Friday. The police said that a doctor who examined her found severe bruises and contusions on her body.

The police are also seeking the man who did the shooting.

New York.



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Tennessee.

Tennessee  
Monday, April 23, 1928

## GILES COUNTIAN KILLS NEGRO IN CRAP GAME ROW

### Refusal to Pay Losses Held Cause of Shooting.

(Special to The Tennessean)

Pulaski, Tenn., April 23.—Grady Angus, a white man about 27 years of age, who works at the phosphate mines near Wales in this county, shot and instantly killed Ed Ingram, a negro, yesterday afternoon during a crap game near the mines. It is said that the negro's refusal to pay the money that Angus won from him in the game led to the killing.

The negro, who works on the place of Alf Claggett near Wales, was shot through the right temple. Several other boys were in the game and were eyewitnesses to the shooting. Young Angus left the scene following the shooting and was taken into custody by Sheriff W. P. Butler about a mile and a half from that point and lodged in jail in Pulaski. The youth will have no preliminary hearing, since the grand jury, which meets today, will probably take the case up at once.



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NEWPORT NEWS  
VIRGINIA

MAY 24 1928

A GRAND JURY CASE.

Chester Crowder, a negro, was killed last Saturday night in Warwick county when he and a companion attempted to escape after abandoning an automobile which had been stolen in this city.

Five officers were after him at the time and, according to evidence at the coroner's inquest, two of the officers fired in the air to frighten the fleeing negroes.

Dr. H. W. Curtis, the coroner of Warwick county, held an inquest, and after reviewing some of the testimony of the five officers says in his verdict:

We do not know the calibre of the pistol used by the companion of John Chester Crowder, and the fact that John Chester Crowder was found lying dead 40 yards from where the officers fired last, it being a very dark night in thick woods, the opinion of the coroner for Warwick County, Va., is:

That John Chester Crowder came to his death at about 1:15 a. m. May 20, 1928, from a pistol shot wound in the brain fired by the hand of a person unknown to the coroner in the woods one half mile east of Oyster Point and 50 yards south of C. & O. railroad. The coroner after considering all evidence and again going over the field where the shooting occurred not only exonerates the officers of all blame or responsibility but that they fearlessly endeavored to enforce the law regardless of danger or injury to themselves.

Sheriff Sidney Curtis, of Warwick county, says that he has investigated the case, and that the officers were carrying out their duty; that the killing, if done by the officers was accidental, as stated by Harry Williamson, one of those who admitted firing into the air.

George Bellamy, companion of Crowder, charged yesterday when arrested, that the fatal shot was fired by Deputy Sheriff Yoder, but Yoder testified at the inquest that he did not fire his pistol.

Relatives of the dead man have consulted a lawyer with a view to determining what action, if any, they should bring against the officers.

These are some of the alleged facts which have come to light on the tragedy that occurred in Warwick County early last Sunday morning. A number of them are conflicting, and all, to our mind, need clearing up. Crowder may have been killed accidentally, or he may have been killed by some one other than the officers, as the coroner intimates. To us the case appears one which should be fully investigated by a grand jury of the Warwick County Circuit Court in fairness to the officers, to the dead man's relatives and to all others concerned.

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Sergeant I. G. Cousins, of the Richmond detective bureau, was sitting on the front porch of his home with his wife. An automobile occupied by two negroes, turned into his back. Cousins immediately recognized Medley, because he had arrested him previously on a liquor charge. He stepped from the porch to the curb and as the automobile approached he drew his revolver and stopped the car.

Medley at first denied that he was the man wanted but later admitted the killing of Samuel E. Grimmell, 16-year-old high school student, and the wounding of the boy's mother, Mrs. Nellie Haskins and his adoptive father, Henry H. Grimmell.

For 30 hours several hundred persons, aided by bloodhounds from the Virginia penitentiary, scoured the city and suburbs for the negro. In the meantime, Medley had been working all day almost in the shadow of the first police station. Several times, the negro told his captors, police officers walked past him.

Mrs. Haskins and Grimmell, both of whom were shot in the body by charges from a shotgun in the hands of Medley, are in a local hospital in

a serious condition. Evelyn Haskins, the dead boy's sister, was not seriously injured.

The negro was calm after his capture and not at all reluctant to talk about the shooting of his former employers. He gave a half dozen reasons for committing the crime, ranging from mistreatment to "just being sick of the job."

Medley, who the police believe to be insane, gave the following statement to the officers: "I got up yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock and went to the kitchen to make a fire. I pulled all the curtains in the kitchen down. I got behind the kitchen cabinet and waited for Mrs. Haskins to come down stairs. When she came down I shot her. Then I ran around in the front of the house and shot the rest of them. I don't know whether I hit them or not. I had three shells in the gun."